

MEMORANDUM ON VISIT TO POT CREEK AREA, APRIL 21, 19



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TO: All interested parties

From: David Rasmussen, Commissioner

Upon the request of Users of the Pot Creek waters and reports that the area was open, a visit to the the Pot Creek System was attempted on April 21, 1967, by the Commissioner, David Rasmussen and Gordon McCoy of Vernal, Utah.

No problem was encountered to the Crouse Reservoir. Storage to date in that reservoir amounted to aprox. 700 a.f. + or -, with a leakage of aprox. .6 cfs around the dam and .4 cfs through the headgate. Inflow to the reservoir amounted to aprox. 4.0 cfs, which was being contributed in maximum from Cow Hollow drainage.

The access to the Matt Warner Reservoir was blocked by heavy snow drifts and mud. By working around these and through the sage brush, we were able to gain access to the Matt Warner. The gage Ht. on the staff read 98.0, with aprox. .5 cfs . leakage. Inflow to the reservoir as measured at the U.S.G.S. station above showed a gage ht. of .9 = 10.0 cfs., or storage every 24 hours of aprox. 20 acre feet.

It was noted that Beeler Creek, tributary to Pot Creek was being diverted into the Matt Warner Res., rather than being allowed to flow in its natural channel back to Pot Creek at a point below the Matt Warner Res. dam. The flow in this tributary amounted to aprox 1.5 cfs on the date visited. While this in its self does not constitute a large loss at the time, the accrued amount could be considerable. In view of the fact that the former State Engineer, Wayne D. Criddle has ordered this diversion closed on the conclusion that this water should go to rights below the Matt Warner and not be included in the storage supply of the Matt Warner, that Mr. Zolph Calder take immediate steps to see that this order is followed and that Beeler Creek diversion dam and ditch be destroyed immediately.

The physical out look for continued stream flow in the Pot Creek area seems good. Snow pack, with the exceptions of large snow drifts, in the lower elevations is gone, but apparent snow in the higher levels looks excellent. Depending on how the weather warms up, could determine if the Matt Warner and Crouse Reservoirs fill, as well as to how much run off the Colorado Users should expect.

Continued visits will go on during the balance of this month and months to come in an effort to keep all interested parties posted and carry out what ever distribution chores and record keeping are necessary.

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